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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB, OF DENVER

Dear Sir:

The Rocky Mountain Ski Club of Denver has been organized thru the efforts of Community Service, for the purpose of promoting this sport in the Rocky Mountain region.

At present there are about one hundred members. The members have organized themselves into a committee for the purpose of soliciting memberships, and it is hoped that a membership of fully five thousand may be secured thru the present campaign. You are earnestly solicited to join.

You know the benefits that your business is receiving from the work of the different bureaus which are actively promotimg Denver and the Rocky Mountain region as a summer resort proposition, and if the same efforts are put forth and the same interest taken in promoting the sport of skiing, Denver and the Rocky Mountain region can be promoted into a winter resort proposition beyond the possibilities of failure.

The plan cannot be consummated without spending some money, and we hope you will see your way clear to signing the enclosed membership application and send us your check for $5.00.

The membership has been divided into three classes--a participating membership, fee $5.00, entitling the holder to admission to all the ski tournaments; active membership, $1.00, requiring the member to practice skiing and be active in the sport; ladies, and children under fifteen years of age, 50 cents. The committee has endeavored to make the charges and membership so that all classes in the community can be accommodated and that the sport can in this way be made very democratic.

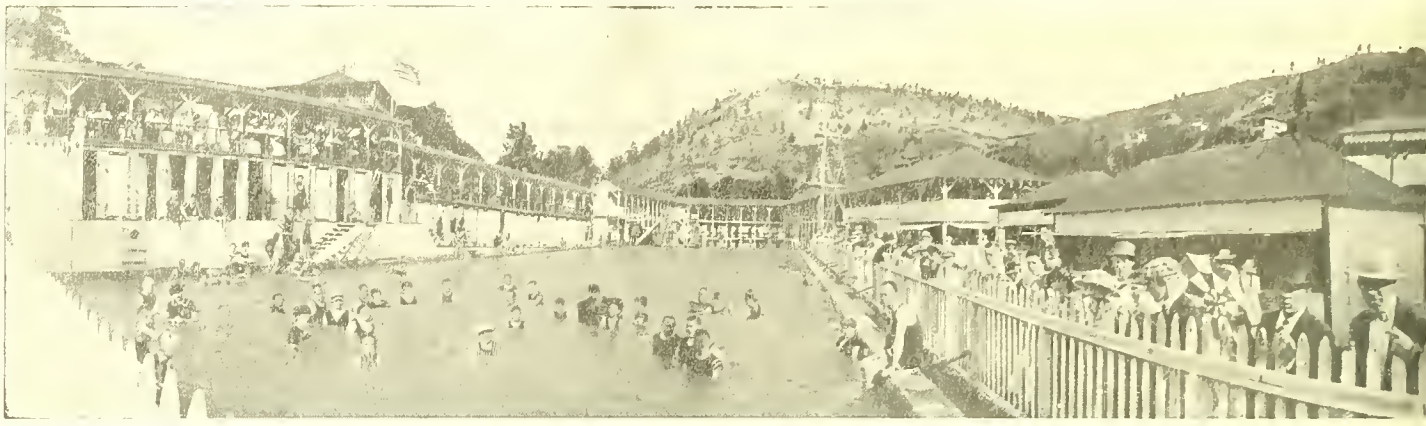
It is the hope of our club to make Denver a center or Mecca to which thousands will come from all points of the world to witness or participate in this thrilling spectacular sport.

Very truly,

M R Howard

President,
846 Metropolitan Bldg.

Dictated OS/MRH



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Denver, Colorado, January 22nd, 1920.

Dr. Menifee R. Howard,
President Rocky Mountain Ski Club,
846 Metropolitan Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you to confirm the offer I made to the members of the Ski Club at our meeting last evening, proposing that our Company donate to the Ski Club a hillside at Eldorado Springs for a Ski Course.

We have a number of hills that will be suitable, but I think the one upon which there already has been considerable work done will be the most acceptable. The hill is 1,000 feet long, has a straightaway course on an incline of 45 degrees, with a sway about 400 feet from the top, and then a slight rise, where a take off can be built that will enable a professional to jump 300 feet, so far as the contour of the hill is concerned. The hill has a north slope, and is covered with a dense growth of timber, which holds the snow, and the timber has been cut out along the course for a width of about thirty feet, and the course graded about eight feet wide from the top of the hill to the bottom of the incline, which is about 100 feet from the creek, the ground between the foot of the hill and the creek being comparatively level. I am inclined to think the creek will have to be bridged and some trees and brush cut away on the opposite side of the creek, but when this is done I do not believe there will be a hill within 100 miles of Denver that will surpass it, and the distance to Eldorado Springs from Denver is only 27 miles.

Whenever your Club decides to accept our proposition we will execute a deed for sufficient land on this hillside to answer your purpose for a course, and a site for a club house.

Yours truly,

THE ELDORADO SPRINGS RESORT COMPANY,

W. A. Garner
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The above picture shows the proposed Ski Course at Eldorado Springs. The site was originally intended for the operation of an incline railway, but the project was abandoned. The grade is eight feet wide and the hill is 1,000 feet long with a grade of about 45 degrees.

Just to show whether or not there was sufficient interest in skiing among the people of Denver, the War Camp Community Service induced the City to erect a temporary ski course at Inspiration Point, and the above picture shows a view of the crowd who witnessed the first tournament.

The demand for the sport was shown to be so great that the City has been induced to prepare plans for a permanent ski course to be erected at Inspiration Point, where the sport can be enjoyed by the citizens of Denver whenever there is sufficient snow to cover the course.

Two ski courses are planned by the club on Lookout and Genesee Mountains. Mr. Steinhauer, Superintendent of Denver Mountain Parks, has promised to build the best and most expensive course possible anywhere, in the Mountain Parks System for the free use of the public.

The Rocky Mountain Ski Club will be glad to have submitted for their consideration sites for ski courses within the Rocky Mountain region adjacent to Denver, reached by trolley and steam train, and wherever suitable courses are donated, the club will, at their own expense, survey the sites and equip the courses, and hold skiing contests at such points from time to time, with a view of developing and encouraging the sport throughout the whole Rocky Mountain region.

Give us your help and we will help you.

National Ski Tournament to be Held in Denver in 1921

LOCAL CLUB'S BID IS ACCEPTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. M. R. Howard Succeeds in Bringing Big Meet Here Next Year

The National ski convention and tournament held this year at Chippewa Falls, Wis., will be held in Denver in 1921, according to advices received here last night from Dr. M. R. Howard, president of the Denver Rocky Mountain Ski club who has been at the Chippewa Falls convention. Dr. Howard went to the convention to extend the invitation to the national officials to bring the convention to Denver and this was finally accepted. The state tournaments will be held, according to the decision of the convention, in Denver on February 20, in Dillon, February 29 and in Steamboat Springs on March 7.

Skiing has been received with considerable enthusiasm by the Denver people and this tournament will increase the interest to a great degree. It is planned by the Denver Rocky Mountain Ski club to obtain a slide on either Lookout Mountain or Genesee Mountain that will rival the one at Dillon which is said to be the most ideal slide in the world. Several slides are already under consideration and when one is definitely chosen the club will open negotiations to buy the property or lease it.

Denver enjoys conditions, the national officials say, which are ideal for the development of interest in the sport. The close proximity of snow in the mountains assures a long season, while the topography of the country near Denver will make it possible to build slides which will give the ski enthusiast an opportunity to indulge in the sport close to home whenever there is sufficient snow.

The splendid slides and long winter season in the mountain towns of the state has made Colorado a favorite spot for both amateur and professional ski jumpers with national reputations. Andrus Haugen, who won the national championship yesterday, is entered in the meet from Dillon, and Hans Hansen, another great professional, hails from Steamboat Springs. It will be but a short time until Denver and Colorado is the skiing center of the United States. —Rocky Mountain News, January 26th, 1920.

Miscellaneous printed matter

COLORADO SKIER WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Jan. 25.—Andrus Haugen, Dillon, Colo., won the national ski jumping championship here this afternoon by a margin of a fraction of a point from Henry Hall of Steamboat Springs, Colo. There was only one foot difference in their jumping. No records were broken.

Szerre Hendrickson of Superior, Wis., defended his title as national amateur champion, defeating Oliver Kaldahl of Glenwood, Minn., by a few points.

A south wind blew strongly against the skiers, shortening the jumps by about twenty feet. The temperature was close to zero. A snowstorm set in late in the afternoon.

Andrus Haugen won the long stand jump with a leap of 123 feet. The record for this is 152 feet, made by the same Haugen several years ago. Gilbert Hagene of Mount Horeb, Wis., took the amateur long standing jump with a distance of 105 feet.

In the professional class Andrus Haugen was first with 267 2-3 points, Henry Hall second with 267 1-3 points, and Lars Haugen of Chippewa Falls third with 252 points.—Rocky Mountain News, January 26th, 1920.

POLE PARTICIPATION

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Denver-Rocky Mountain Ski Club of Denver, Colorado

Dr. Menifee R. Howard, President, 846 Metropolitan Bldg.

I hereby apply for admission to membership in the DENVER-ROCKY MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB of DENVER, COLO., agreeing to work for the best interests of the club and to be a booster for Denver and vicinity in Ski-ing and other winter sports.

This $ ....fee entitles me to membership in the above club to October 31, 1920.

Dated this .....day of ....1920.

Recommended by

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NOTE: Be sure to fill in both addresses and phones.

Address correspondence and remittances to
G. M. LARSEN, Secretary
P. O. Box 1423 Denver, Colo.

Signed.....

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